

Minutes of March 13th, 1919.

The Board of Public Works of Maryland met at the office of the Governor in the City of Baltimore, on March 13th, 1919, at 12 o'clock, noon.

Present:

Governor Emerson C. Harrington,  
Comptroller Hugh A. McMullen,  
Treasurer William P. Jackson.

The minutes of February 11th, 1919, and February 27th, 1919, were read and approved.

Robert D. Case, Secretary of the State Board of Prison Control, appeared before the Board in an effort to have a number of checks now being held by the State Treasurer turned over to the State Board of Prison Control, said checks to cover fire losses at the Maryland House of Correction amounting to about \$2,000.00.

Upon motion of Mr. McMullen, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the State Treasurer was authorized to endorse the checks now being held by him and to turn the same over to the State Board of Prison Control.

Senator Ogden, Dr. Briscoe and Messrs. Worthington, Biggs, and Castleberg, constituting the Board of State Aid and Charities, appeared before the Board of Public Works endeavoring to have this Board increase the per capita basis of hospitals in this State. Mr. McMullen, the Comptroller, is of the opinion that hospitals not earning an amount equal to the State appropriation should be deprived of their future payments, and he, for this reason, has brought the matter before the Board of Public Works for any suggestions it may care to give, and at the same time suggesting that he hold up all future payments of institutions of this class.

After quite a lengthy discussion it was suggested that the Board of State Aid and Charities investigate such institutions now showing discrepancies of any kind, together with such hospitals that are now delinquent in living up to their earning capacity as established in their State appropriation and as set forth in the Budget. Mr. Henry Castleberg, one of the members of the Board of State Aid and Charities, was authorized to appoint a Committee to investigate hospitals of the nature described above, said Committee being composed of Governor Harrington, Dr. Briscoe, and Mr. Worthington. Mr. McMullen, the Comptroller, was authorized to hold up future payments and in the meantime to take the matter up with the Attorney General to see whether or not he has a right under the law to do so.

A letter from Hon. William P. Jackson, State Treasurer, enclosing insurance bills as follows:

E. J. Richardson & Sons, Insurance on State House,	\$ 55.
Riall-Jackson Co., Ins. on State Power Boats,	900.
J. Ramsay Barry & Co., Ins. on Power Boats,	565.

Upon motion, duly seconded, these bills were ordered paid.

A letter from Hon. Hugh A. McMullen, Comptroller, enclosing bills from the Annapolis Water Company amounting in all to \$550.09.

Upon motion, duly seconded and unanimously carried, these bills were ordered paid.

A bill from Susanna C. Condon for Ground Rent due on the State Tobacco Warehouse. The Budget Bill only appropriated \$444.11 for the payment of this Ground Rent when it should have appropriated \$448.11. A request is made of the Board of Public Works to appropriate \$4.00 from its Contingent Fund to meet this difference.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Board authorized the payment of \$4.00 from its contingent fund to meet this difference.

A bill from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for telephone service furnished the State of Maryland at 605 Union Trust Building, Baltimore, amounting to \$15.25.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the same was ordered paid.

There being no further business before the Board, upon motion, duly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

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Secretary of the Board.